

PATENT APPLICATION

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE



In Re Application of:

Nicholas G. Duffield et al.

Serial No.: 09/688,335

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For: CONSISTENT SAMPLING FOR
NETWORK TRAFFIC MEASUREMENT

Group Art Unit: 2661

Examiner: TBD

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Prior to the examination on the merits, please amend the specification as follows:

In the specification at page 1, after the title, please insert the following:

--This application claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/180,420,
filed February 4, 2000, which is incorporated herein in its entirety.--

Applicant's claim of the benefit of U.S. Provisional Application 60/180,420 was
correctly cited on the Official Filing Receipt to reflect Applicant's priority claim in the
original filing papers and the declaration. Therefore, no fees are believed to be due,
however, to the extent that this is incorrect, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to
charge any outstanding fees or credit any overpayments to our deposit account 19-0733.

Respectfully submitted,

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